

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Harry Klock, on March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Harry Klock, Chair (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cara Gold, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 317, 3/28/2011

Executive Action: SB 225

00:00:06 The Chair welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules.

HEARING ON SB 317

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:34 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 317, Generally revise the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

00:01:48 Rep. MacLaren entered the hearing.

00:07:05 Rep. Menahan entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:02 Jon Metropoulos, Self

00:25:16 Fess Foster, Self

EXHIBIT(feh71a01)

00:25:46 Tammy Johnson, Revett Minerals

00:26:06 Mark Thompson, Golden Sunlight Mine

00:26:27 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy

00:27:24 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:29:07 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:29:18 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association

00:29:31 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:29:46 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:30:04 Jason Toddhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:30:21 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:30:29 Terry Grotho, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:51 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(feh71a02)

EXHIBIT(feh71a03)

00:34:27 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:38:37 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh71a04)

00:44:12 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:45:03 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Public Research Interest Group (PRIG)

00:45:31 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

00:46:01 Ross Prosperi, Montana Conservation Voters

EXHIBIT(feh71a05)

00:46:39 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:10 Rep. O'Hara
00:47:45 Sen. Vincent
00:49:43 Rep. Peterson
00:50:16 Jon Metropoulos
00:50:43 Rep. Peterson
00:51:12 Anne Hedges
00:51:58 Rep. Peterson
00:52:07 Anne Hedges
00:52:46 Rep. Driscoll
00:53:02 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:53:59 Rep. Driscoll
00:54:09 Todd Everts
00:54:36 Rep. Driscoll
00:54:43 Todd Everts
00:54:53 Rep. Phillips
00:55:50 Sen. Vincent
00:56:48 Rep. Phillips
00:57:23 Sen. Vincent
00:57:42 Rep. Phillips
00:58:38 Sen. Vincent
00:58:44 Rep. Phillips
00:58:56 Sen. Vincent
00:59:16 Jon Metropoulos
01:00:04 Rep. Phillips
01:00:32 Jon Metropoulos
01:00:53 Rep. Phillips
01:01:14 Jon Metropoulos

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:42 Sen. Vincent
01:02:23 Rep. Klock

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 225

Executive Action was previously taken on SB 225 on 3/23/2011

01:02:29 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **SB 225 BE RECONSIDERED**. Without objection the motion was carried.
01:-3:09 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **SB 225 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:03:21 Rep. Knox
01:03:40 Rep. O'Hara

01:04:55 Rep. Klock

01:05:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Klock, Rep. McNally, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Peterson and Rep. Small voting no. Rep. Knudsen will carry the bill.

01:06:53 Rep. Peterson

01:07:22 Rep. Klock

ADJOURNMENT

01:07:54 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh71aad.pdf](#))